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OPEN CINEMA's *Connecting the Docs* Explores Transgender Experience with MY PRAIRIE HOME in Victoria and Calgary.

Victoria, BC – March 10th, 2014. On Wednesday March 26th, OPEN CINEMA will continue its innovative multi-city hybrid cinema series [Connecting the Docs](#) with a screening of the NFB film [MY PRAIRIE HOME](#) in Victoria and Calgary, followed by live and online post-screening discussion about transgender experience and politics.

In Chelsea McMullen's musical-documentary MY PRAIRIE HOME, indie artist Rae Spoon takes us on a playful, meditative and at times melancholy journey through the prairies, crooning about their transgender and musical coming of age. This unusual film echoes the expansive landscape, offering time for reflection and defying expectation. It is receiving rare honours, including Official Selection at the Sundance Film Festival.

Victoria Post-screening discussion guests include **Daphne Shaed**, UVSS Students of Colour Outreach Co-ordinator, Camosun College Women's Director; **Maureen Bradley**, UVIC Associate Professor & Filmmaker '[Two 4 One](#)', **Alyx MacAdams**, Trans* Inclusion Coordinator, [Victoria \(Women's\) Sexual Assault Centre](#); The discussion will be moderated by **Metta**, Gender Fluid Counselling Psychology Student.

The event is sponsored by [onmyplanet.ca](#), [Victoria \(Women's\) Sexual Assault Centre](#) and [AIDS Vancouver Island](#). "Our goal is to use documentary to build bridges in our community," says OPEN CINEMA program director and founder Mandy Leith. "Many people are frustrated by the limitations of conventional gender binaries, precipitating the need for new legislation and community dialogue on trans issues." A representative from MP Randall Garrison's Esquimalt office will speak to the progress of [Bill C-279](#).

The screenings take place in Victoria and Calgary at 7pm local time, followed by post-screening discussion, connected via [live stream video feed](#), [#MyPrairieHome Tweetchat](#) and [Facebook](#) engagement throughout the day. The film will also be available to stream online [on the NFB website](#). Details about the BC and Alberta events and how to participate virtually can be found [here](#). See you at the hybrid movies!

WHAT [My Prairie Home](#) (NFB, 2013) a musical-documentary about indie artist Rae Spoon's transgender coming of age. **POST SCREENING DISCUSSION:** **DAPHNE SHAED** UVSS Students of Colour Outreach Co-ordinator, Camosun College Women's Director; **MAUREEN BRADLEY**, UVIC Associate Professor & Filmmaker '[Two 4 One](#)', **ALYX MacADAMS**, Trans* Inclusion Coordinator, Victoria (Women's) Sexual Assault Centre; Moderated by **METTA**, Gender Fluid Counselling Psychology Student.

WHEN **7pm Wednesday, March 26th, 2014** (Doors 5:30pm)

WHERE **The Victoria Event Centre**, 1415 Broad St (elevator access)
Local food, cash bar, community discussion and door prizes.

COST By donation \$10-20 suggested.

JOIN US **LIVE OR VIRTUALLY:** Watch online at the NFB website and join the conversation via [Livestream](#) & [#MyPrairieHome Tweetchat](#) and [Facebook group](#).

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